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QUILTING METHOD AND SYSTEM

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DECLARATION OF MINH NGUYEN

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

I hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a law clerk at the firm of Andrus, Sceales, Starke & Sawall, LLP. I am a third year law student at Marquette University Law School and will receive a juris doctorate degree in May, 2002. I am in the diploma privilege program so that when I graduate, I will immediately be able to practice law.

2. This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/521,810, now U.S. Patent No. 6,261,397.

3. I conducted an updated search using the online database of the U.S. Patent Office including a search for patent classes pertinent to batting or other filling materials with an adhesive thereon as supplemental to the search conducted in the filing of the parent application of this divisional application.

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4. I conferred with Eugene R. Sawall in connection with the product of June Tailor Inc. relating to the use of a batting with an adhesive applied to the opposite side surfaces for interconnection to outer quilt covers of a quilt and for subsequent securement of the covers to each other and to the batting in known quilting processes.

5. The updated search was conducted in the U.S. Patent Office using the online database in order to review the classes and subclasses. I reviewed each of the patents in the originally searched subclasses in sequence, and reviewed each patent to locate those patents that appeared to be in any aspect pertinent to a filling material, and more specifically a batting, with any adhesive applied to the batting in any manner and having an outer cover or covers as shown in the disclosure, without requiring the specific limitation present in the subject matter of the disclosure relating to the quilt fusible batting.

6. The search was not limited to the specifics of this particular disclosure, i.e., an inactive adhesive applied to a batting for temporary attachment as a stitch replacement, in order to ensure a complete and thorough search of all possibly pertinent prior patent art relating to the connection of a batting to the outer covers of fabric or the materials.

7. In performing the present search, I included all classes originally searched including the classes required or cited by the examiner.

8. In my opinion we have searched extensively through all the pertinent art spending a total time of at least two hours and located all art relating to batting used to form a quilt as well as other art related to bonding of materials on other fields.

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9. The additional patents and literature located are those set forth in Section D of the Petition for Acceleration of the divisional application Serial No. 09/521,810 entitled "Quilting Method and System".

10. A substantial number of prior art searches of patent and literary art have been conducted in a similar manner in the firm of Andrus, Sceales, Starke & Sawall, LLP.

Respectfully submitted by:

ANDRUS, SCEALES, STARKE & SAWALL, LLP

Dated: 11/20/01

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